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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION {Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill} Check all that apply: **Date** 2/8/2016 **Original** Amendment X Bill No: HB 95 Correction Substitute **Sponsor:** Reps. Gentry & P. Pacheco **Agency Code:** 305 Hate Crimes Against Law Joshua R. Granata Short **Person Writing** Enforcement Title: **Phone:** 827-6088 Email jgranata@nmag.gov **SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring	Fund	
FY16	FY17	or Nonrecurring	Affected	

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring	Fund
FY16	FY17	FY18	or Nonrecurring	Affected

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY16	FY17	FY18	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total						

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to: Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

N/A

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

This analysis is neither a formal Attorney General's Opinion nor an Attorney General's Advisory Letter. This is a staff analysis in response to an agency's, committee's, or legislator's request.

Synopsis:

House Bill 95 is an act which amends the Hate Crimes Act, NMSA 1978, Sections 31-18B-1 to -3. The proposed act modifies the class of victims which justify enhanced sentences for crimes motivated by hate. The proposed act changes the term "handicapped status" to "disability" and adds a new class of victims—law enforcement officers.

The proposed amendment to HB 95 (House Floor Amendment 1) adds on duty "firefighters" and "emergency medical technicians" as separate classes of victims in addition to law enforcement officers.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

No new significant issues as amended by House Floor Amendment 1. Both the terms "firefighters" and "emergency medical technicians" are clarified with the language "on duty". All of the issues noted in the Office of the Attorney General's analysis of HB 95 remain issues if the proposed bill passes with the proposed amendment. In order for the law to be reasonable and not arbitrary, it may be helpful to cite findings of facts to indicate why it is necessary to include law enforcement officers and first responders among the current class of victims who need heightened protections.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP None TECHNICAL ISSUES None OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES None ALTERNATIVES None WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL Status Quo AMENDMENTS None